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heing rather unusually liberal in their appropriations. I would hope that you would follow up, and I know that you will, if we request you to do so to personally see to it that this money in this instance is spend for the purpose for which it was intended. This is the only way that we can protect ourselves. As Senator Marvel has pointed out the maintenance funds can be robbed, they have been robbed. I remember when former Senator Gerdes made an inspection of many of these facilities. He was dismayed at the sad condition of many of the facilities. I agree as Senator Anderson and Senator Murphy has said that maintenance is of prime consideration. I know that we have a dozen three gallon coffee cans sitting down here in front of Sue Steenson's office. I think that we have no reason to be critical of the situation that we find in the state colleges. So, I would support your request.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members. I certainly support the amendment. I think that we are forgetting that this \$210,000 was just a sort of loan and until the next year. All in the world this request is to just ask for the same amount that was allotted last year. No increase. Building cost, maintenance cost have gone up tremendously. I don't think that it would have been unreal to ask for even more. So, this is just to even up. As far as being able to spend this much, remember that these...this amount is for four institutions. Four large institutions. For instance there is one building in Kearney, talking about roofs, that has needed a roof or repair job for years. Each year the cost goes up. The last cost that I heard it was going to cost \$125,000 and yet it is put off. It is line item vetoed, possibly, I'm not sure of this instance, but we just don't have the money to make the repairs. It cost more each year. I would certainly ask you to support Senator Carsten's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Marvel. I don't see him in the Chamber, Senator Clark. My question may be that another member of the Appropriations committee can answer. My question specifically is why did not the Appropriations Committee put this in their amendments? If this \$400,000 is needed, apparently the state college board came before the Appropriations Committee, yes, I would imagine with specific itemization of request, I would like to know why the appropriations committee didn't include this appropriation in their budget, because apparently they elected not to include it in their budget that they brought before this body. I would like to know why they didn't include it.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Dworak, I think that I indicated before in trying to gather all of these pieces together that the spending pattern of the state colleges has been in the neighborhood of \$400,000. If you take the \$214,000 that is in 984, and you add the \$260,000 that is hold over, that is well over the \$400,000 pattern that they have been using. That was the rationale that the committee used.